

# BookletChart™



## ***Delaware Bay – Smyrna River to Wilmington***

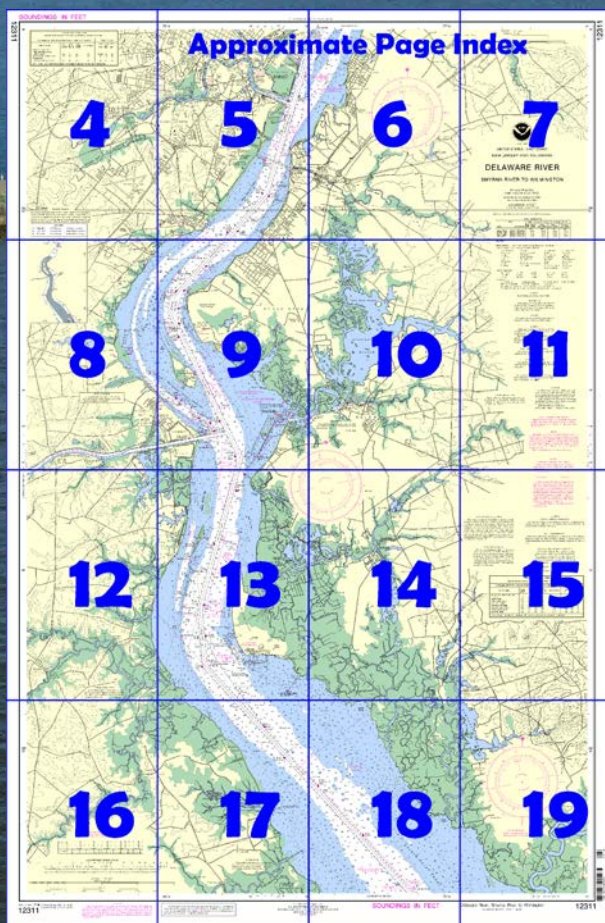
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This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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**(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)**

**Artificial Island.** The domes of the Salem Nuclear Power Plant, at the south end of the island, are prominent. An unmarked channel leads to a basin south of the powerplant; 18 feet was reported in the channel and basin. **Alloway Creek** has a depth of 3 feet to Quinton. The approach is unmarked. The shoals on either side of the mouth must be avoided. Above the mouth, the best water is not always in midstream, and local

knowledge is needed. The current velocity is 2.1 knots 0.2 mile above the entrance and 1.4 knots at New Bridge.

The Mill Street bridge at **Hancocks Bridge** has a clearance of 4 feet. Salem County Bridge at **New Bridge** has a clearance of 3 feet. The State

Route 49 bridge at **Quinton** has a clearance of 3 feet. The bridge is in the closed position.

**Salem River** is entered through **Salem Cove** across from the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. The approach channel is marked by a lighted buoy, lights, and a lighted **027.3°** range; the depth was 13.4 feet (15.4 feet at midchannel) to Light 14; 12.2 feet through the landcut with 14 to 16 feet in the basin; 16.0 feet to near the bridge at Salem. Above the bridge the depths were 2 feet or less.

Several marinas and boatyards are along the north bend of Salem River and at Salem; slips, gasoline, and marine supplies are available.

**Appoquinimink River** is used by pleasure craft. Controlling depth to Odessa is 2 feet. The current velocity in the entrance is 1.1 knots. The bridge 3 miles above the mouth has a clearance of 6 feet. The bridge at **Odessa** has a clearance of 4 feet.

**Reedy Island.** The pier on the channel side of the island has a depth of 10 feet; the current velocity is about 2.5 knots off the pier. A submerged dike extends 3 miles southward from Reedy Island and parallels the western shore; the dike is marked by lights, and unlighted seasonal warning buoys.

**Port Penn.** The approach, through the Reedy Island dike south of the island, is 5 feet deep and 150 feet wide, and marked on each side by a daybeacon. Approaches to the village from north of Reedy Island or from south of the dike are over flats with depths of 2 feet. Anchorage depths off Port Penn are 15 feet or more.

**Delaware City Branch Channel.** A light marks the entrance to Delaware City Branch Channel; the controlling depth was 5 feet in the channel entrance from the Delaware River shoaling rapidly along the sides; thence the controlling depth was 6 feet in the channel. Depths alongside the Delaware City bulkhead were 7½ feet to bare. The entrance channel at the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal end was reported to have a depth of 7 feet. Mariners are cautioned to stay inside the north and south entrance channels.

A highway bridge with a clearance of 6 feet crosses the channel 0.6 mile above the entrance; the bridge is maintained in the closed position. Berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, ice, and marine supplies are available on the west side of Delaware City Branch Channel southwest of the northeast entrance.

**Anchorage.**—Vessels must not anchor in Christina River channel within the city limits of Wilmington or tieup at any wharf more than two abreast without permission of the harbor commissioners. A general anchorage is off Deepwater Point, south of the river entrance. (See **110.1 and 110.157(a)(7) and (b)**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations, and page 391 for **Wilmington climatological table**.)

**Bridges.**—There are no bridges or overhead power cables over the deepwater section of Christina River. From Loddell Canal to just above the bridge at Newport, 6.8 miles above the mouth, the least clearance of drawbridges is 2 feet and fixed bridges, 22 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.237**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) In May 2008, it was reported that the Christina River swing bridge at mile 5.4 was in ruins; caution is advised.

In 1984, partially submerged concrete structures of a former bridge were reported about 4.9 miles above the mouth of the river near Interstate 95 fixed bridge; caution is advised.

**Currents.**—The current velocity is about 0.8 knot at Wilmington.

**Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine.**—(See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

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## Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

on navigable waters except Western Rivers



For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area.

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# SOUNDINGS IN FEET

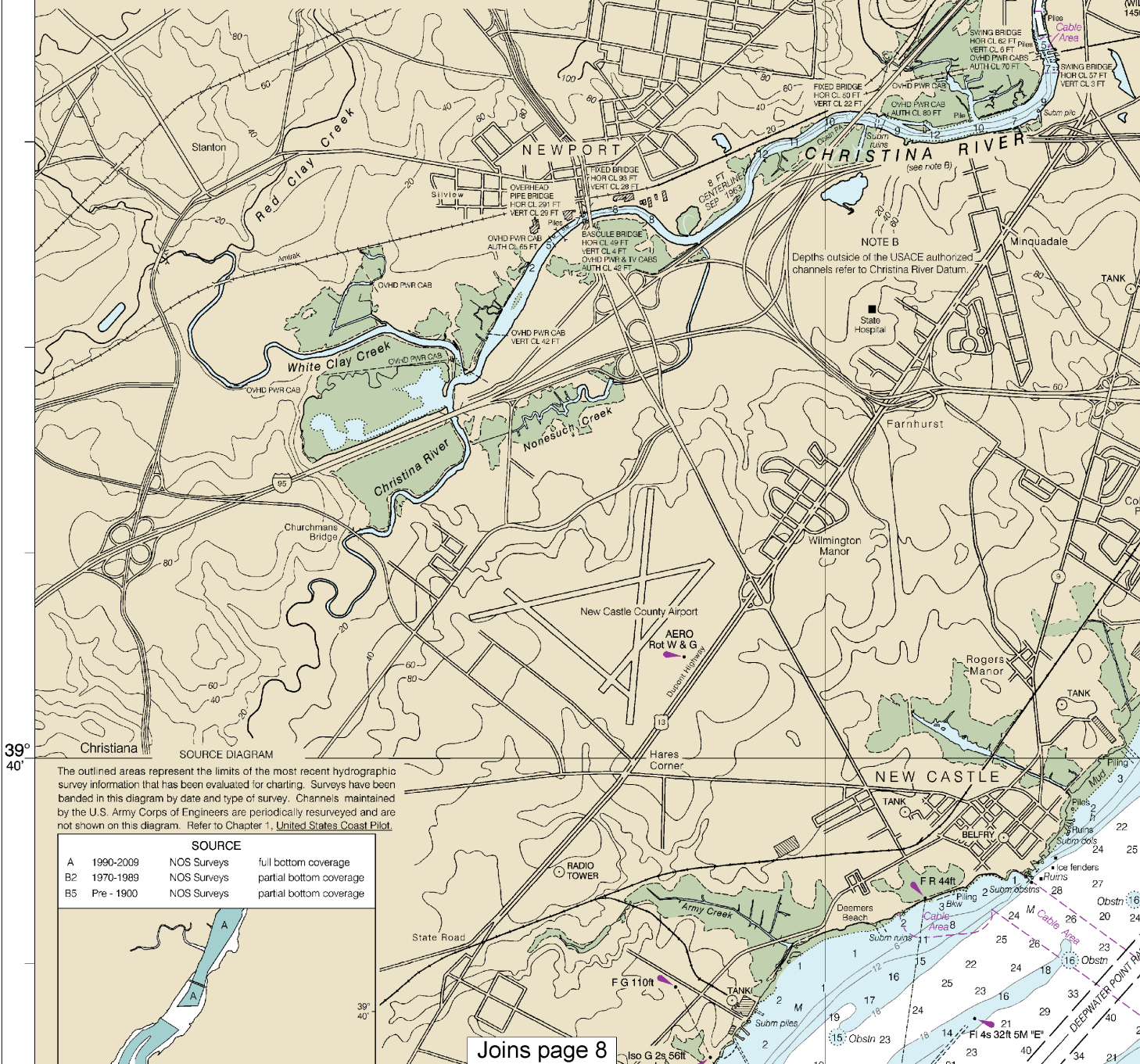
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CHRISTINA RIVER CHANNEL DEPTHS							
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CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)				PROJECT DIMENSIONS			
NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	MIDDLE HALF OF CHANNEL	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH NAUT. MILES	DEPTH (FEET)
DELAWARE RIVER TO THE UPPER END OF THE TURNING BASIN	34.8	34.7	36.8	10-15	500-340	0.70	38
THENCE TO LOGDELL CANAL	34.4	34.3	34.2	10-15	400	0.33	35
TURNING BASIN		A35.9		10-15	320	0.34	38
LOGDELL CANAL TO BRANDYWINE CR.		5.2		8-15	250	0.66	21
BRANDYWINE CR. TO MARKET ST.		3.8		8-15	200	1.24	21
MARKET ST. TO 39°43'38"N, 75°33'40"W		1.3		8-15	200	0.78	21
THENCE TO END OF CHANNEL		7.2		8-15	200	0.12	10

A. REPORTED DEPTH IS FOR FULL WIDTH OF BASIN.  
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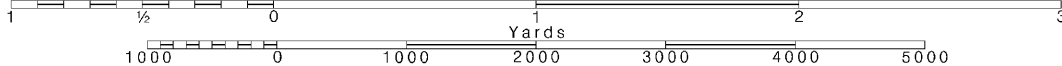
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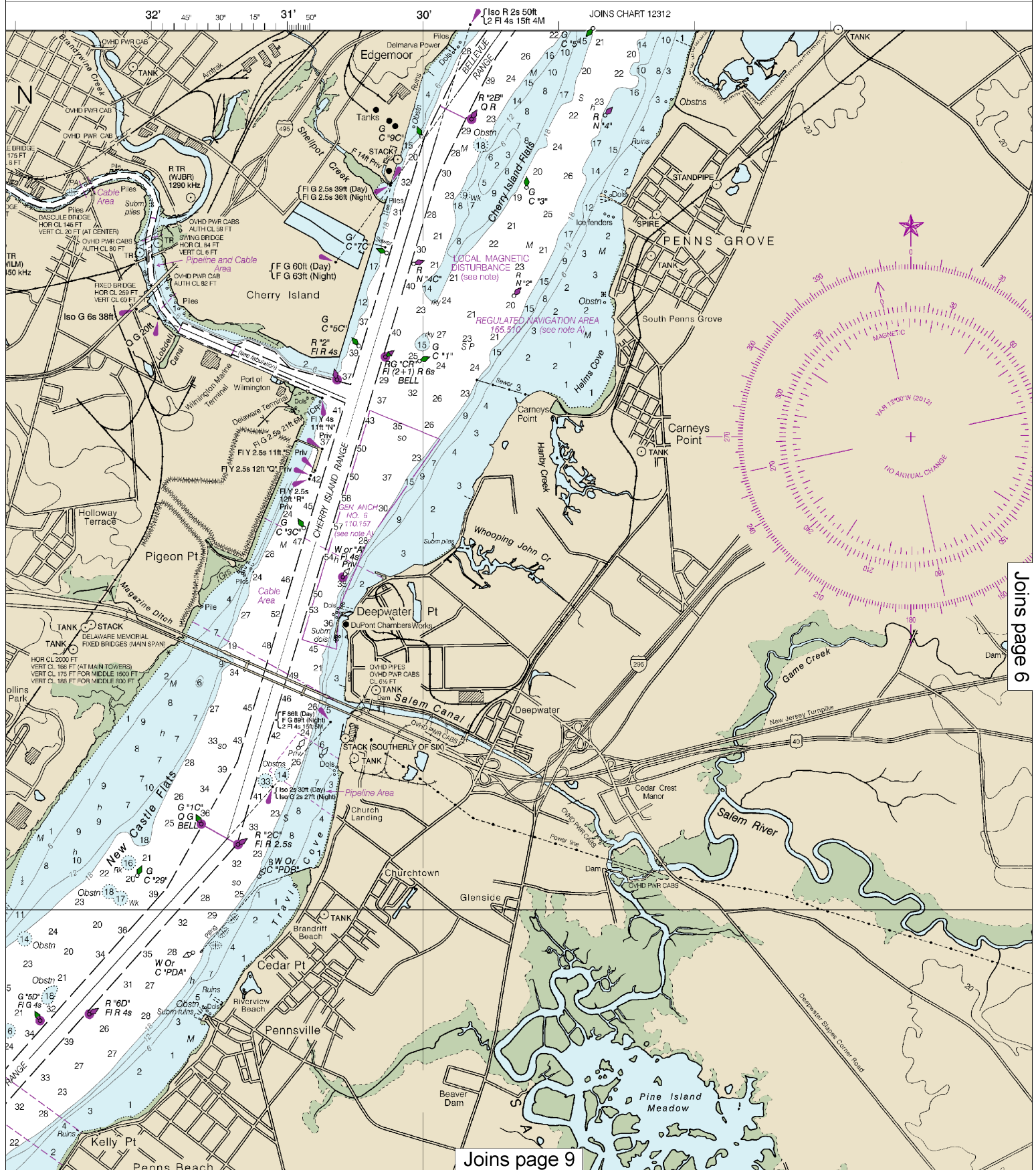
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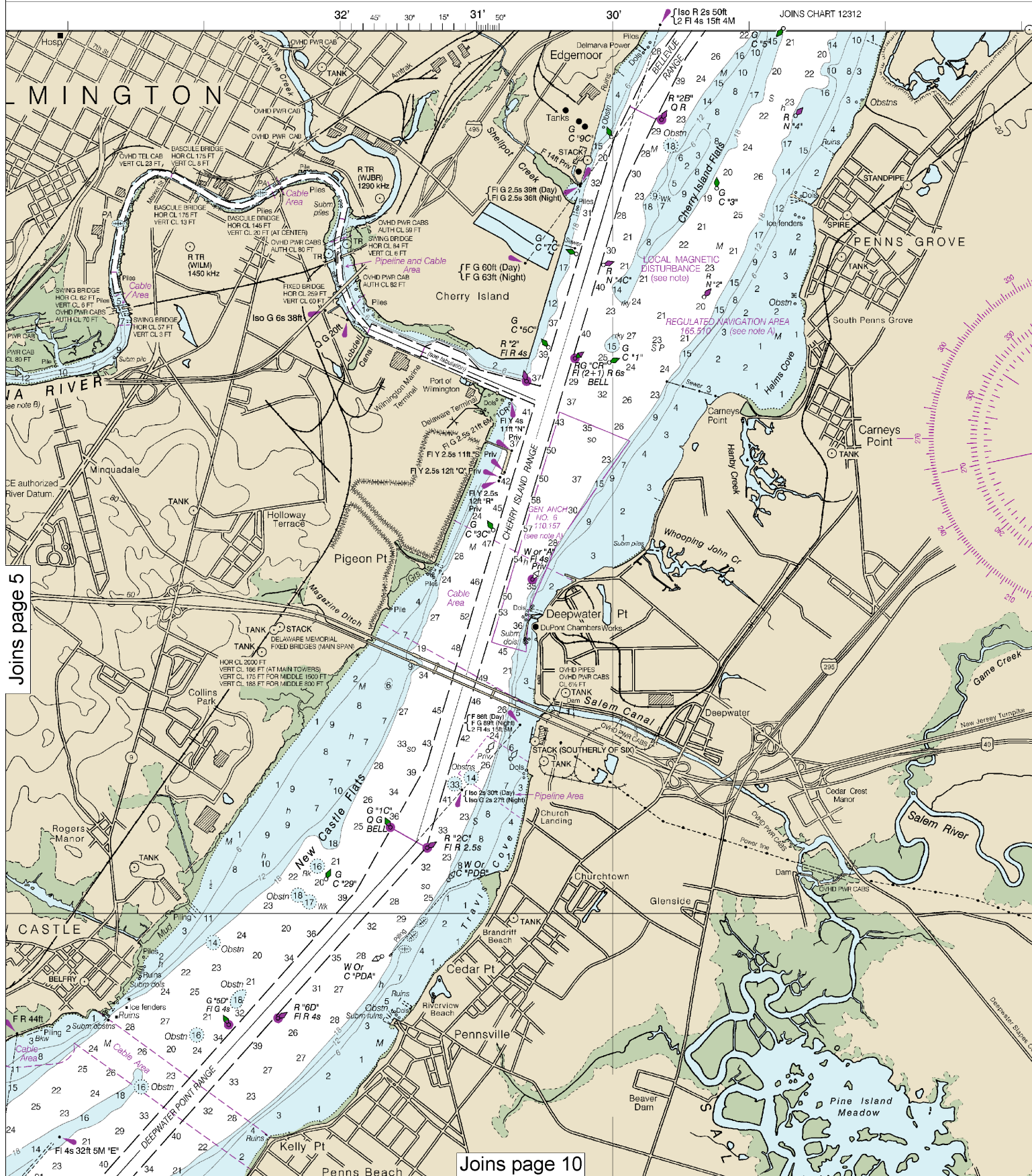
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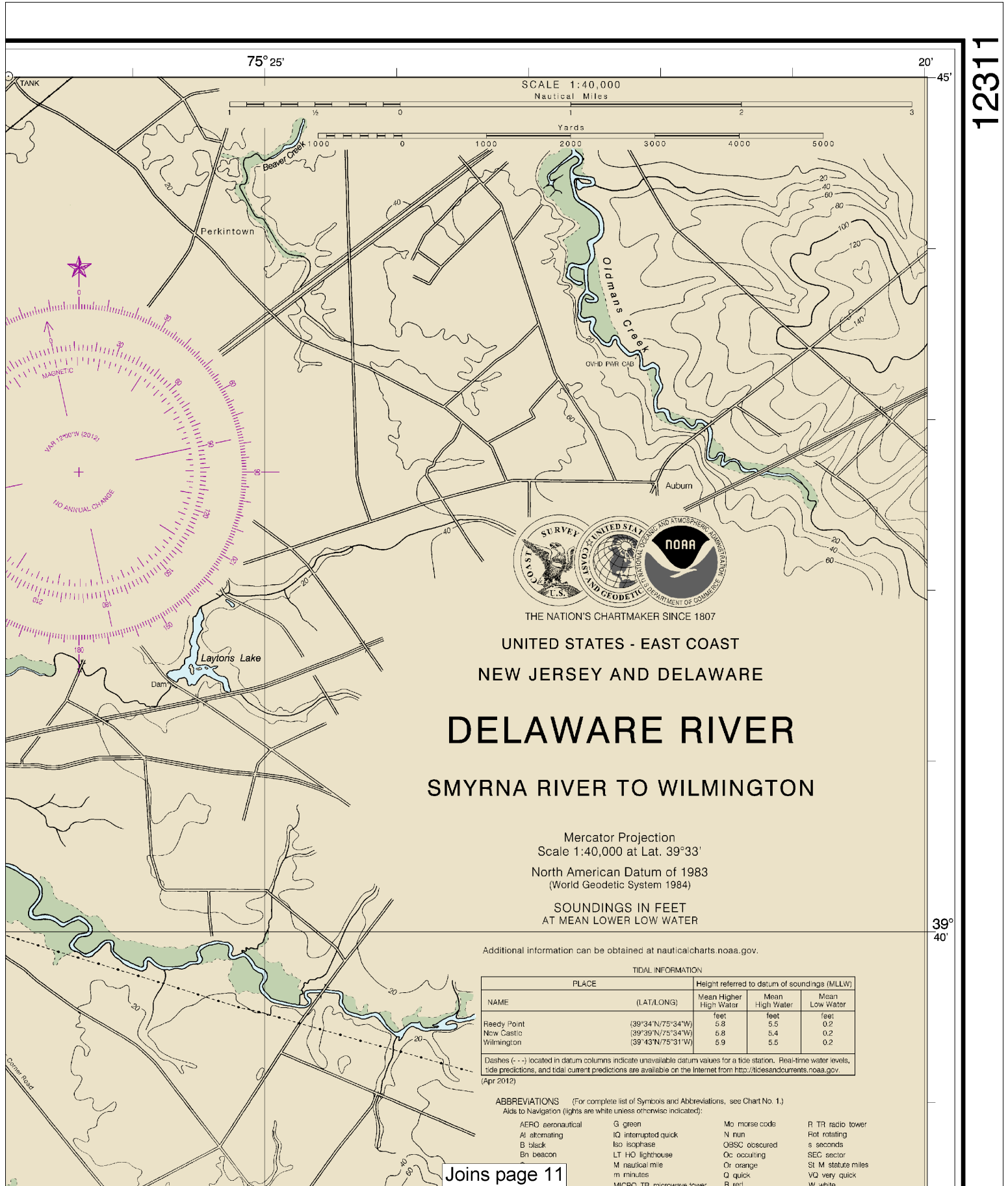




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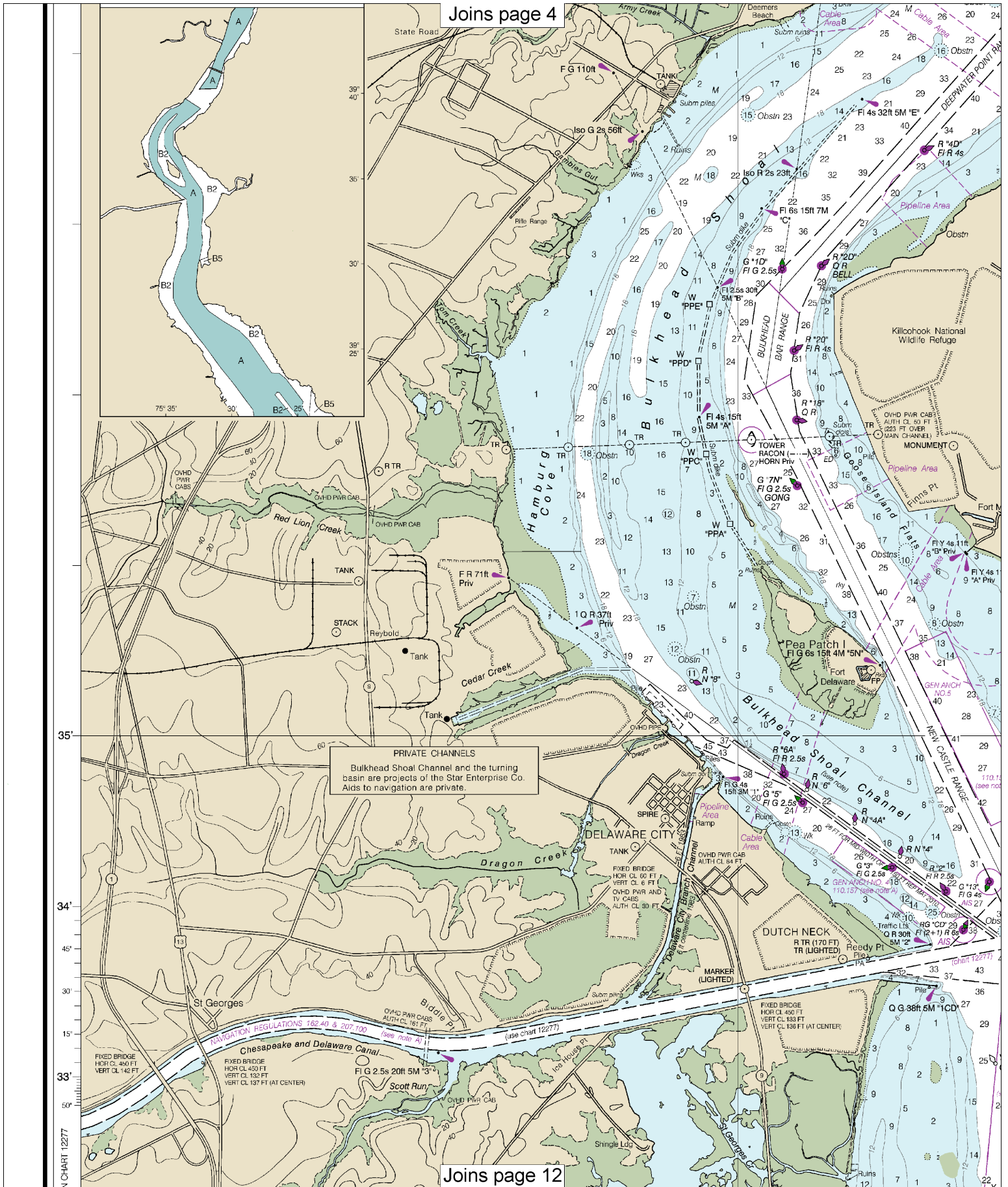




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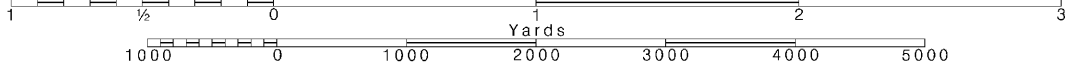
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# ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)

Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):

AEQO aeronautical	G green	Mo moose code	R TR radio tower
Al atomating	IQ interrupted quick	N nun	Rot rotating
B black	Is isophase	OBSC obscured	s seconds
Bn beacon	LT HO lighthouse	OC occulting	SEC sector
C can	M nautical mile	Or orange	St M statute miles
DIA diaphone	m minutes	Q quick	VQ very quick
F fixed	MICRO TR microwave tower	R red	W white
Fl flashing	Mkr marker	Ra Ref radar reflector	WhIS whistle
		R Bn radiobeacon	Y yellow

## Bottom characteristics:

Bls boulders	Co coral	gy gray	Oys oysters	so soft
bk broken	G gravel	h hard	Rk rock	Sh shells
Cy clay	Grs grass	M mud	S sand	sy sticky

## Miscellaneous:

AUTH authorized	Obstr obstruction	PD position doubtful	Subm submerged
ED existence doubtful	PA position approximate	Rep reported	

(1) Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated.  
(2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet above datum of soundings.

## AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

## CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.  
During some winter months or when endangered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

## CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

## HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

## AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 3 for important supplemental information.

## CAUTION

### SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:



Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling.

Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

## CAUTION

Mariners are warned to stay clear of the protective riprap surrounding navigational light structures shown thus:

## RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

## CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:  
 (Accurate location)    (Approximate location)

## LOCAL MAGNETIC DISTURBANCE

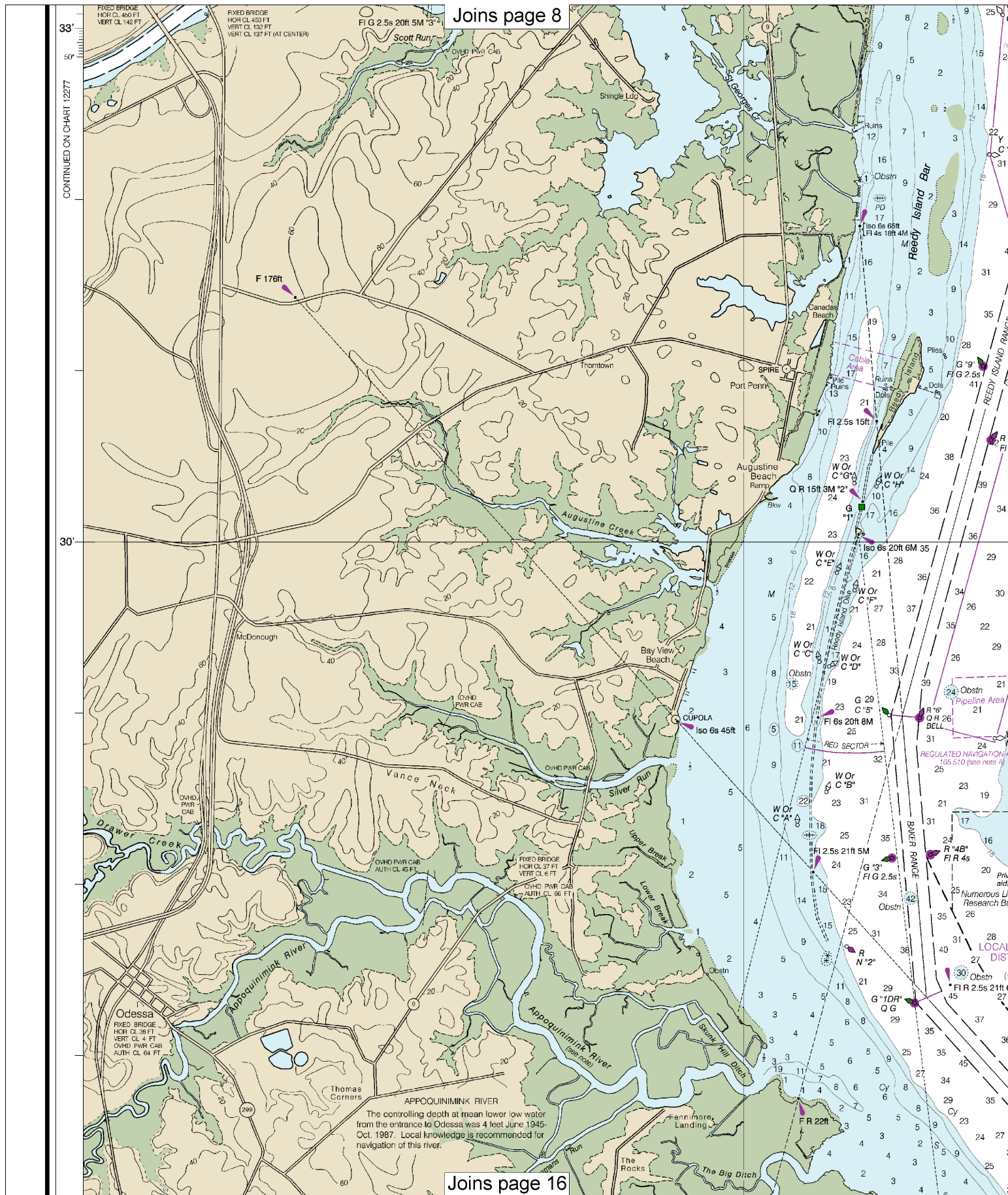
Differences of as much as 2° to 5° from the normal variation have been observed along the channel from Artificial Island, New Jersey to Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania.

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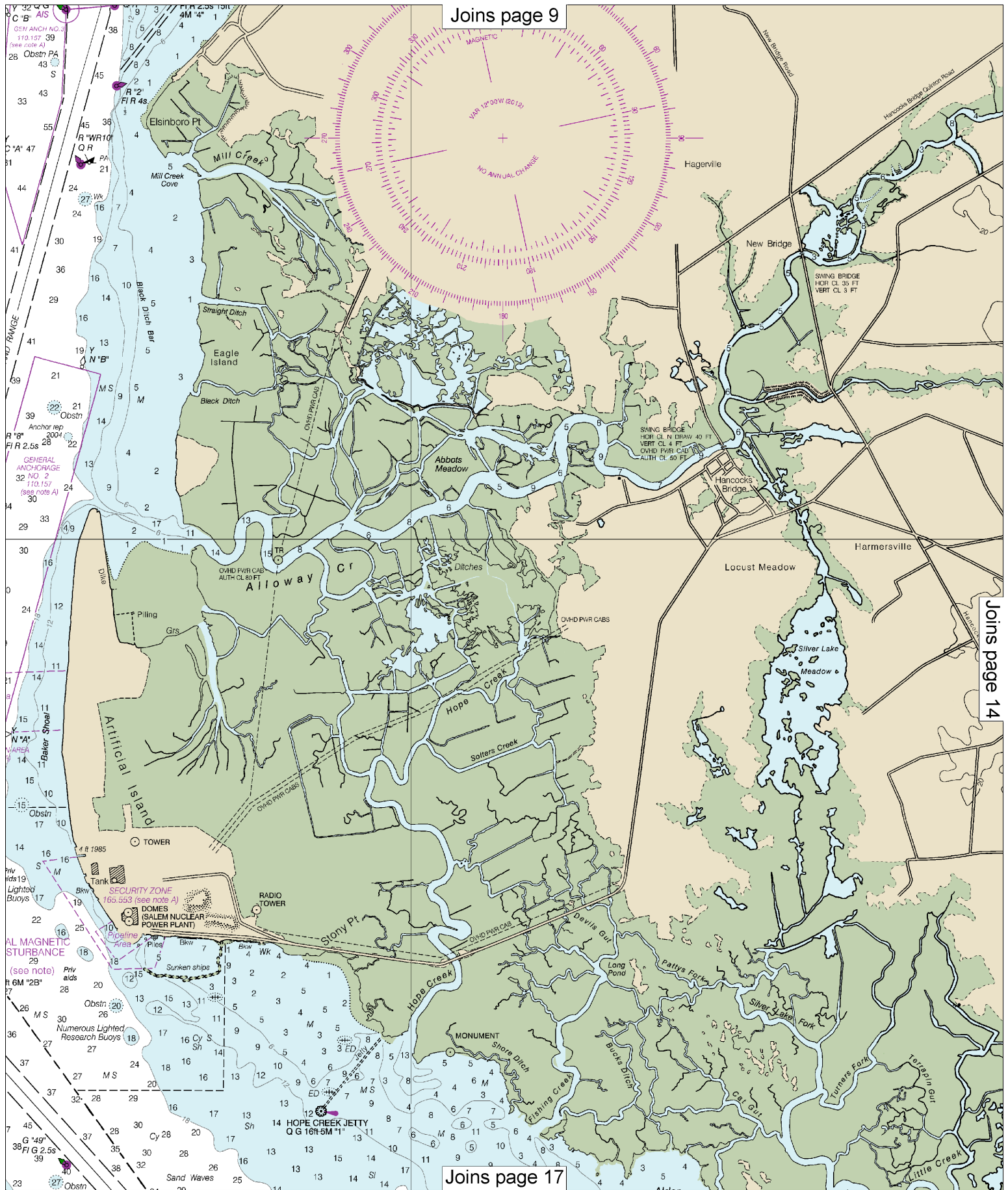
Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 3. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 5th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

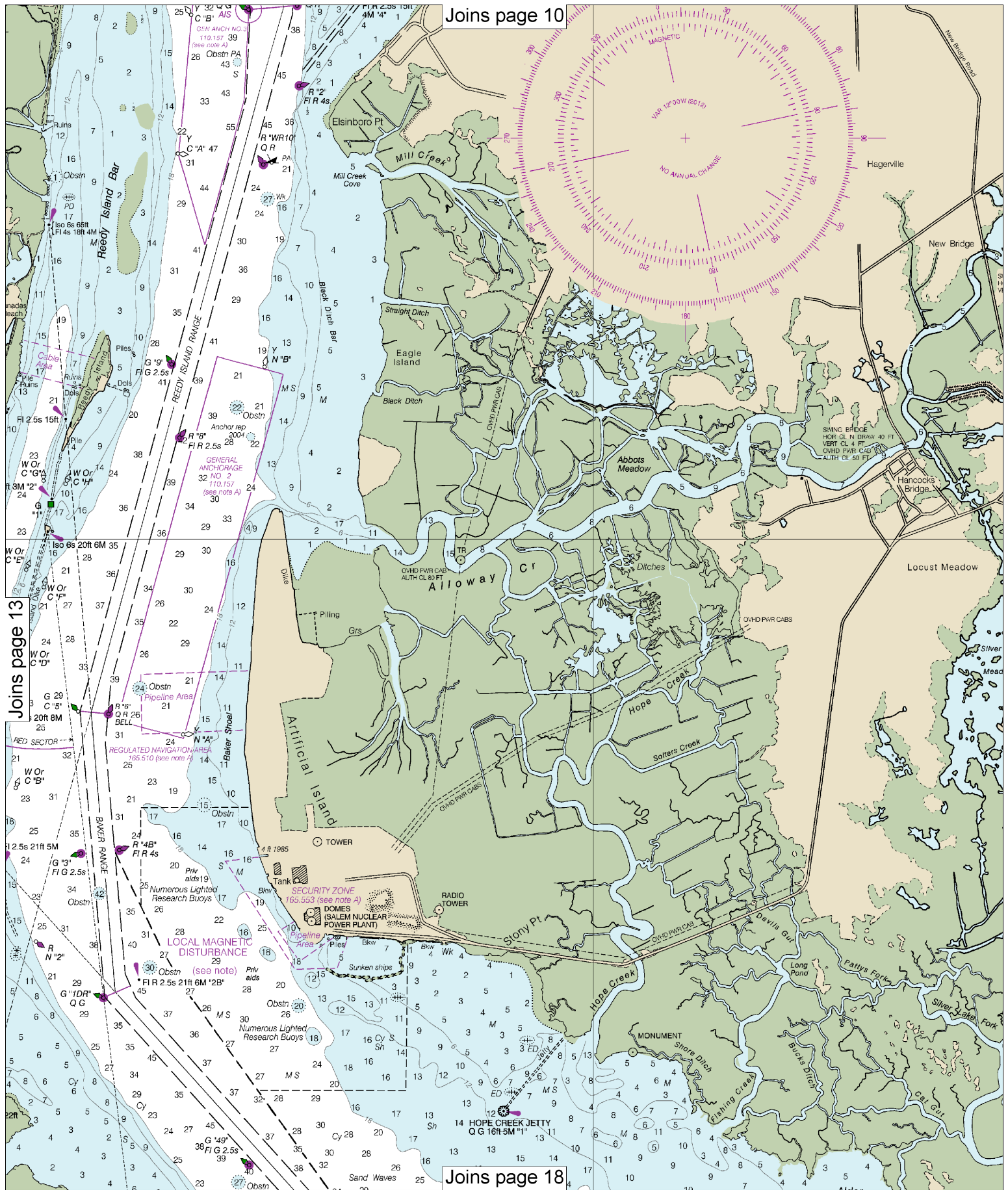
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SALEM RIVER CHANNEL					
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CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)				PROJECT DIMENSIONS	
LEFT	MIDDLE	RIGHT	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH	DEPTH
OF CHANNEL	HALF OF	OUTSIDE		(FEET)	(NAUTICAL MLLW)









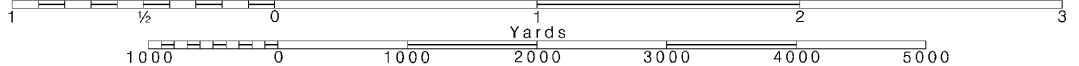
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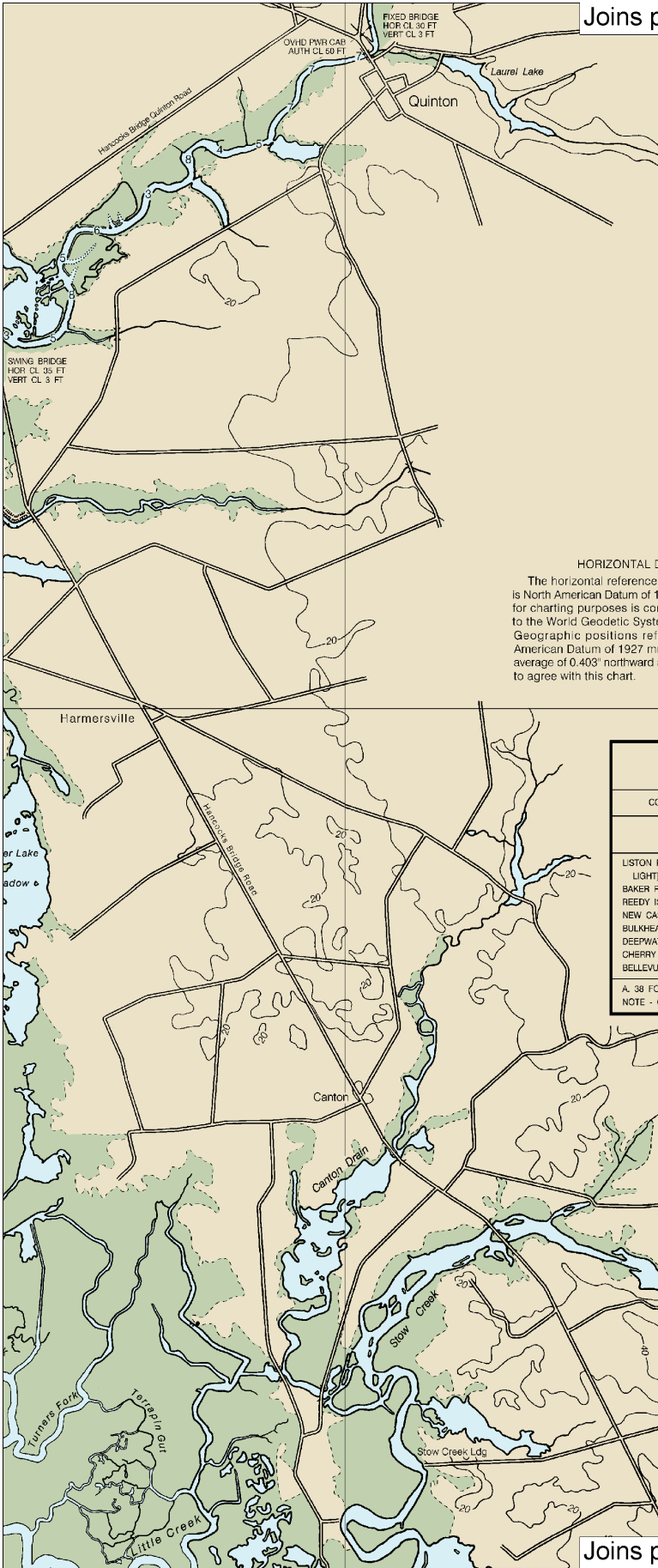
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NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	MIDDLE HALF OF CHANNEL	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (NAUTICAL MILES)	DEPTH (FEET)
ELLSBORO POINT TO OAKWOOD BEACH	13.4	12.4	11.9	8-14	150	1.48	16
OAKWOOD BEACH TO SINICKSON LANDING	13.6	15.3	15.8	8-14	150	1.56	16
SINICKSON LANDING TO END OF PROJECT	18.2	17.0	17.7	8-14	150	0.71	16
TURNING BASIN	TURNING BASIN PROJECT WIDTH			5-14	320	0.2	16
	80%	100%					
	12.0	9.7					

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CAUTION

BASCULE BRIDGE CLEARANCES

For bascule bridges, whose spans do not open to a full upright or vertical position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Philadelphia, PA KIH-28 162.475 MHz  
Lewes, DE WXJ-94 162.550 MHz  
Sudlersville, MD WXK-97 162.500 MHz

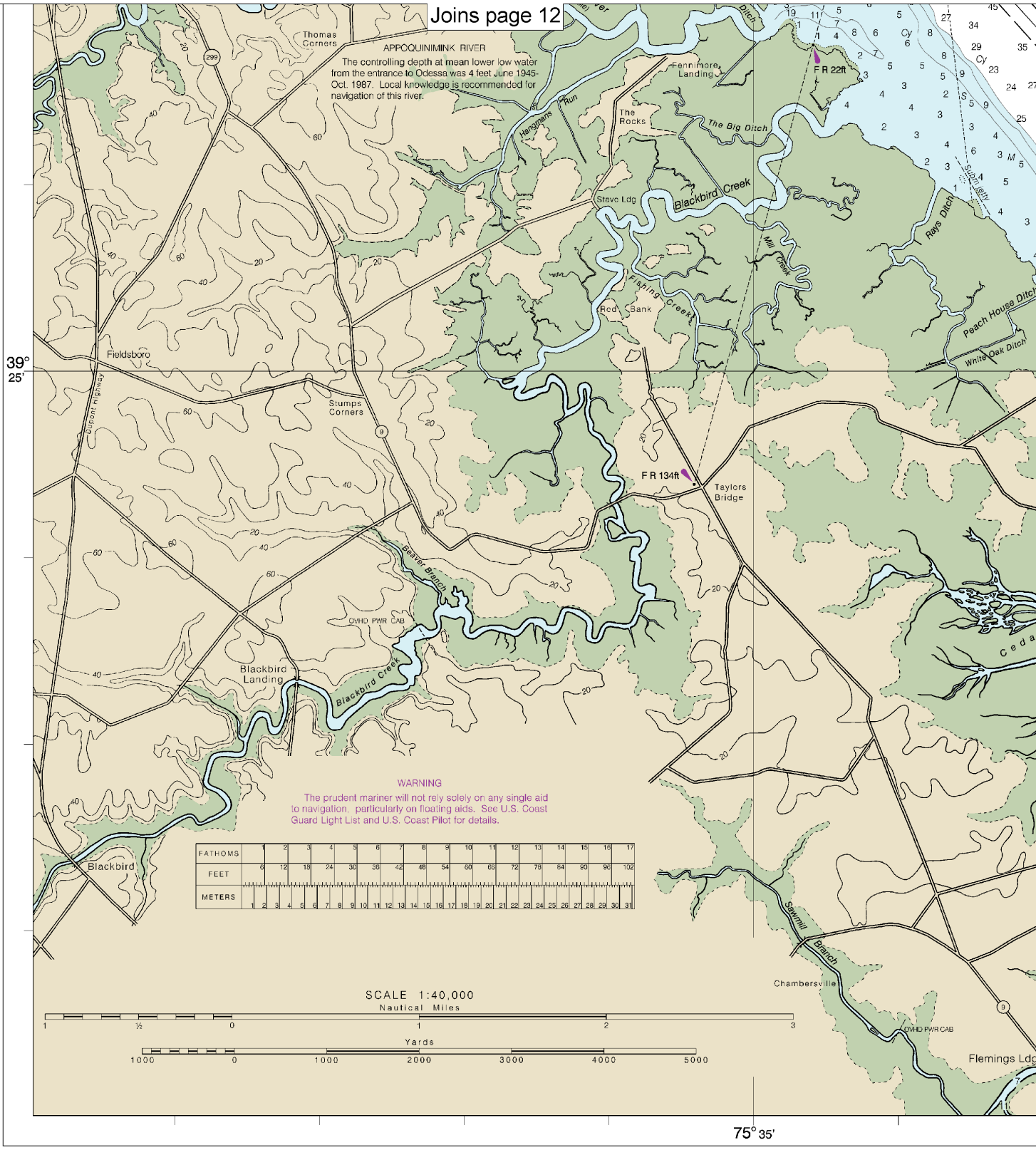
HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.403' northward and 1.269' eastward to agree with this chart.

DELAWARE RIVER CHANNEL DEPTHS							
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NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	LEFT INSIDE QUARTER	RIGHT INSIDE QUARTER	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (NAUTICAL MILES)
LITTON RANGE (ABOVE SHIP JOHN LIGHT)	41.5	42.6	42.9	41.6	4-14	1000-800	12.42
BAKER RANGE	38.1	44.5	43.9	39.5	3-14	800	1.65
REEDY ISLAND RANGE	38.0	40.9	41.8	41.2	2-14	800	4.28
NEW CASTLE RANGE	A40.0	40.7	40.7	36.0	6-14	800	4.34
BULKHEAD BAR RANGE	20.4	45.2	45.2	38.8	5-14	1600	0.56
DEEPWATER POINT RANGE	39.7	40.5	40.1	36.9	6-14	800	3.76
CHERRY ISLAND RANGE	42.6	44.0	43.8	43.1	6-14	800	4.33
BELLEVUE RANGE	40.3	42.2	43.1	41.9	9-13	800	3.05

A. 38 FOOT OBSTRUCTION LOCATED AT 39°33'15.5"N, 75°32'39.0"W.

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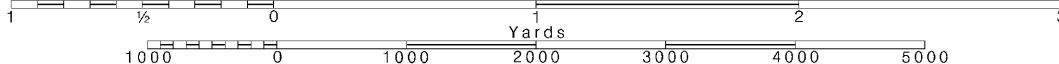
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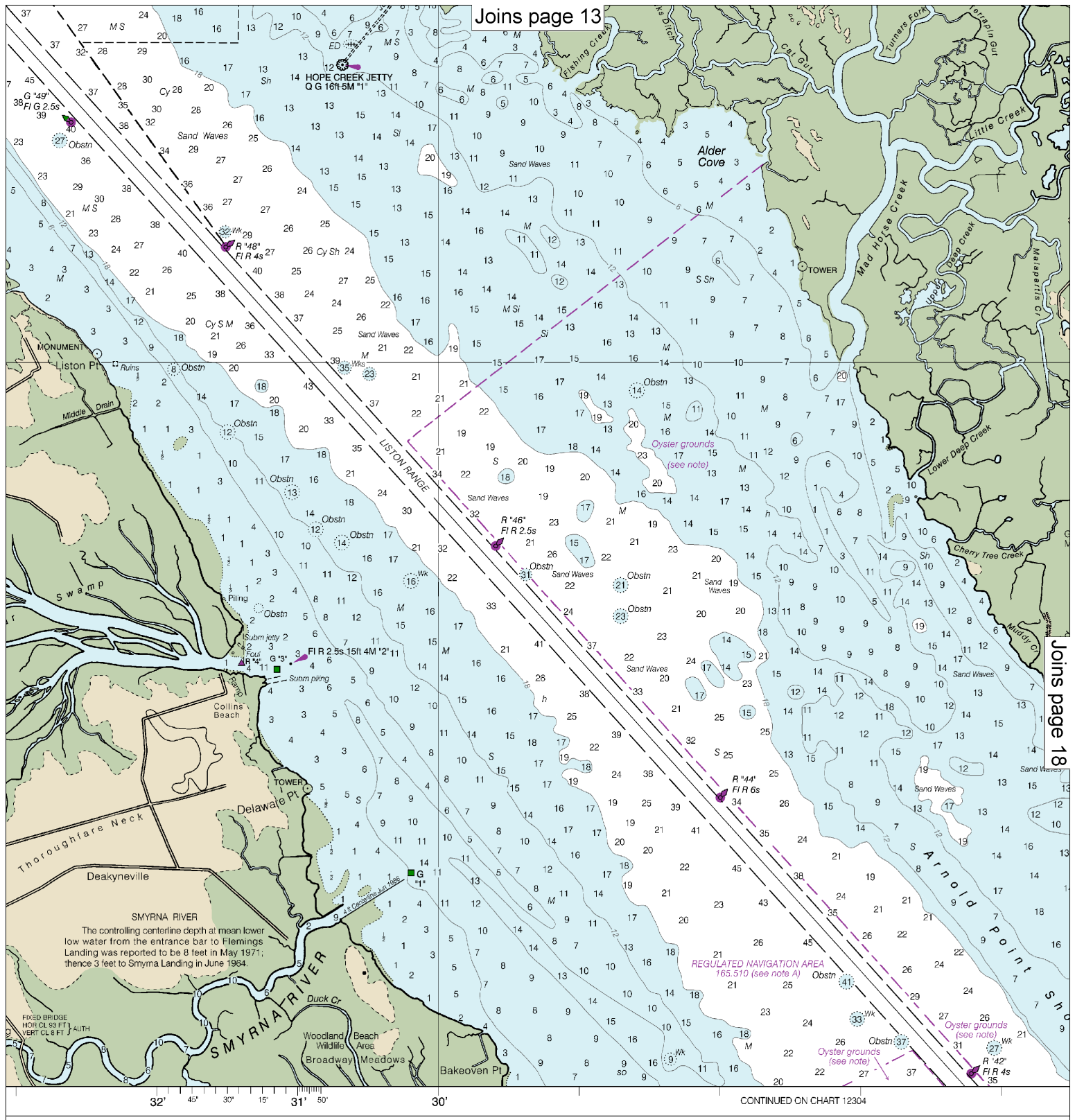
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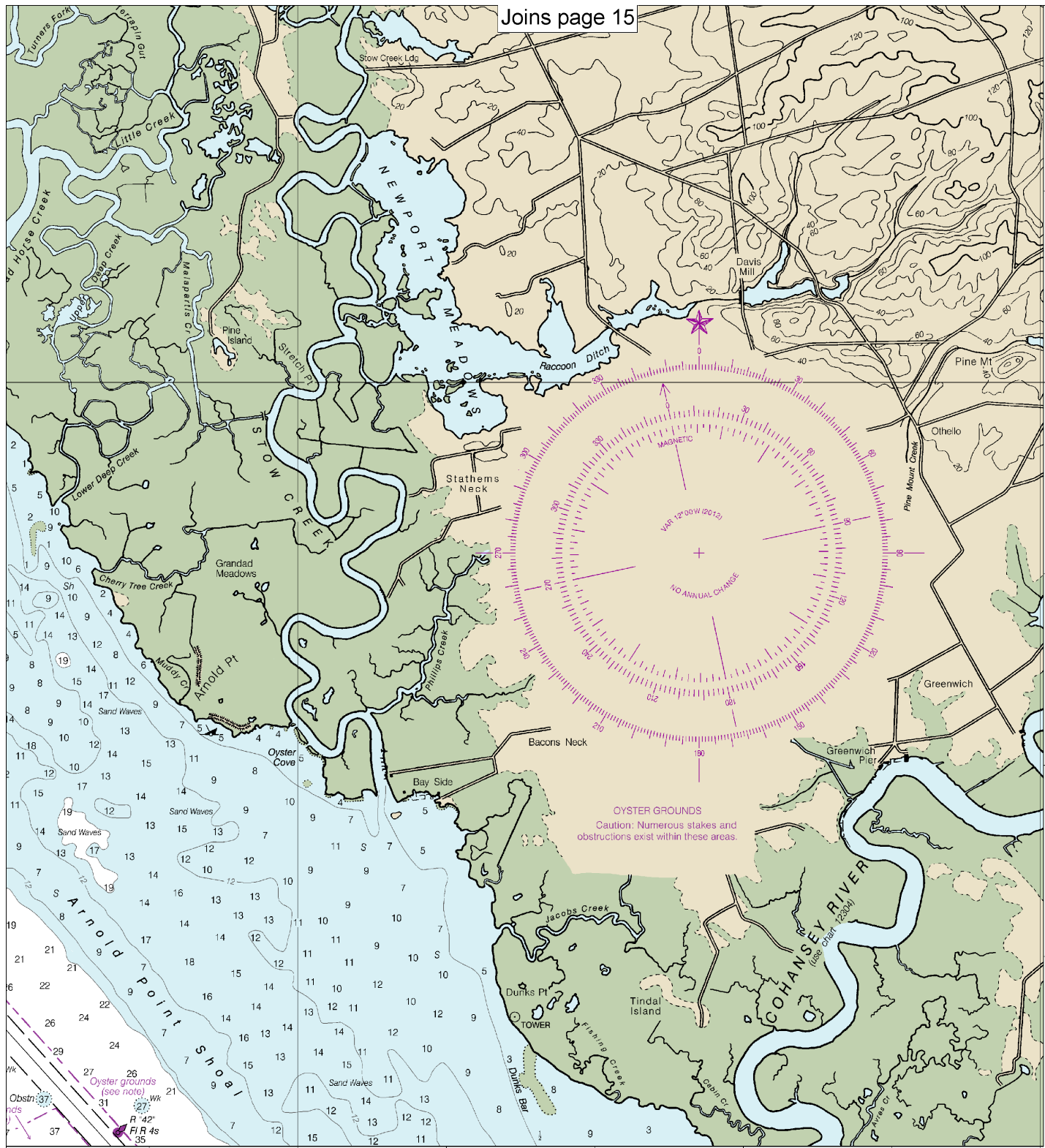


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**SOUNDINGS IN FEET**

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## VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A** – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

## Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

**HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!**



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